As Texas' 47th governor, and the first Texas A&M graduate to occupy the Governor's Mansion, Rick Perry has led a life of public service, starting in the United States Air Force and continuing over two decades in elected office, which included two terms as Texas Commissioner of Agriculture and three terms in the Texas House of Representatives.

For this session, Governor Perry will be drawing on his personal perspective based on experience from campaigns on the state level, and insights gained on the national stage during his recent bid for the 2012 Republican Party Nomination for President.